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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
AND MAKARIOS

FOLLOWING MESSAGE PASSED TO EUR/SE BY CORNISH OF
BRITISH EMBASSY IS BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER OLVER'S
REPORT FROM CYPRUS DATED APRIL 21. BEGIN TEXT:

1. I PASSED TO THE ARCHBISHOP THE MESSAGE IN PARA-
GRAPHS 2 AND 3 (CONCERNING THE PROJECTED TALKS IN VIENNA).
HE SAID HE SHARED THE HOPE THAT THE TALKS COULD QUICKLY
GET DOWN TO ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE. CLERIDES WOULD BE AUTHOR-
IZED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR A MULTI-
REGIONAL SOLUTION. HE WOULD EXPECT IN RETURN SOME SOLID
DETAILS OF THE TURKISH BI-ZONAL PROPOSALS, INCLUDING
SPECIFICALLY A BROAD INDICATION OF THE AREA, AND THE EX-
TENT TO WHICH RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

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THE QUESTIONS OF THE POWERS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND

THE SHAPE OF EVENTUAL GUARANTEES, THOUGH BOTH HIGHLY IMPORTANT, COULD IF NECESSARY BE LEFT UNTIL LATER.

2. I COMMENTED ON THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE TURKISH SIDE MIGHT MAKE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF BI-ZONALITY A PRECONDITION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE DETAILS AND ASKED WHETHER THE GREEK SIDE COULD NOT CONSIDER -- IF FACED WITH THIS BLANK WALL -- A FORMULA ACCEPTING THE PRINCIPLE

CONDITIONALLY, PROVIDED THAT IT GAVE THEM SUFFICIENT SATISFACTION OVER TERRITORY AND REFUGEES. DESPITE A GOOD DEAL OF ARGUMENT, THE ARCHBISHOP REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS. HE INSISTED THAT HE MUST HAVE AT LEAST A FAIR IDEA OF THE SHAPE OF THE WHOLE TURKISH PACKAGE BEFORE ACCEPTING THE PRINCIPLE, EVEN CONDITIONALLY; THOUGH BY IMPLICATION, HE CONFIRMED EARLIER REMARKS TO ME THAT THE LATTER WAS NOT RULED OUT GIVEN AN ADEQUATE TURKISH GESTURE.

3. MAKARIOS EXPLAINED AWAY THE IMBROGLIO OVER CLERIDES' RESIGNATION AS A MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH HAD NOW BEEN RESOLVED. CLERIDES WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM THROUGH THE GREEK EMBASSY IN VIENNA AND HAD ADEQUATE NEGOTIATING LATITUDE. CLERIDES HAS HIMSELF CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE IS FOR THE PRESENT REASONABLY SATISFIED: HE HAS LATITUDE TO EXPLORE BI-REGIONAL FEDERATION WITH THE TURKS. I FEAR NONETHELESS THAT, FAILING SOME FORMULA SUCH AS CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE BI-ZONAL PRINCIPLE, THE TALKS MAY STILL COME UP AGAINST A BRICK WALL AT AN EARLY STAGE. IN ADDITION TO THIS PRINCIPLE, CELIK HAS NOW ADDED PUBLICLY A SECOND TURKISH CYPRIOT PRE-CONDITION FOR PROGRESS: PERMISSION FOR THE REMAINING TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THE SOUTH TO MOVE NORTH. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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